COASTWISE LOAD LINE PERMITS

REFERENCE:

- (a) Marine Safety Manual Volume II Section B4-E4
- (b) Marine Safety Manual Volume II Section B4-E2

DIRECTIVES AFFECTED:

CIDIG MEMO #6 dated 12Apr94 is superceded.

OVERVIEW:

Uncertificated inland barges occasionally move from one inland location to another via a coastwise or oceans route solely for the purpose of changing place of employment. Ref (a) provides the bulk of the guidance for these inspections. Ref (b) provides guidance for those infrequent situations where a short-term COI would be issued. It is important to note that the applicable regulations be applied liberally, with emphasis placed upon the overall safety for a vessel making a single voyage. If the vessel is to be manned, a more thorough inspection is warranted.

INFORMATION NEEDED:

The operator must provide the following information when requesting single-voyage authorization:

- Vessel name, official number and gross tonnage
- Owner and operator names and addresses
- Time, date and location of departure
- Time, date and location of arrival
- Any intermediate stops
- Date & location of last drydocking

PERMIT:

A template for the authorization letter is located at: \\Archive\SFBwatch\Departments\Inspections\Correspondence\CY 2001\AA Template Coastwise Load Line Permit.